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AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of January 15, 1992, Applicant files the following Amendment. Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested.

THE REJECTIONS

Claims 1-6 were provisionally rejected under 35 U.S.C. \$103 "as being obvious over copending application Serial No. 07/174,246". The Examiner stated that claims 1-6 are directed to an invention not patentably distinct from claims 25-36 of commonly assigned application Serial No. 07/174,246.

Claims 1-6 were also provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 25-36 of copending application Serial No. 07/174,246.

Reconsideration of these rejections is respectfully requested.

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